GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE POOR PATIENTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any provision in the Government hospitals to provide medical services to poor and destitute patients and to provide financial assistance/transport facilities to such patients on discharge from the hospital;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether necessary arrangements are not available in the Saqfdarjung Hospital, New Delhi for such patients; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to provide proper assistance to such patients?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (c) Poor and destitute patients are provided free medical services including transport facilities in Dr. R.M.L. Hospital, Safdarjung Hospital and L.H.M.C. and Associated Hospitals.Financial assistance is also provided to such patients from the National Illness Assistance Fund. Financial Assistance up to a maximum of Rs.20,000/- is available under Health Minister`s Discretionary Grant (HMDG) to the poor and needy patients for specialized treatment/surgical interventions in Hospitals including Government Hospitals. In Dr. R.M.L. Hospital, a patient care home is also available which is run by Dr. R.M.L. Hospital Society where destitute patients on discharge from that Hospital can stay. Since `Health` is a State subject, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is not maintaining any information in respect of Hospitals under the control of the Govt. of NCT of Delhi.

(d) Does not arise.